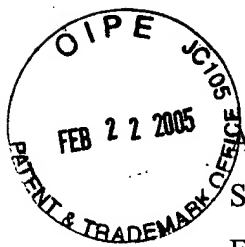


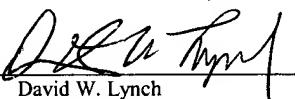
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004 and
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amendments.

Amendment to the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.